

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Office Action mailed April 25, 2005, (hereinafter "instant Office Action"), entry of the foregoing amendments and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 18, 23-27, 41, 43, 46 and 47 are respectfully requested.

In the instant Office Action, claims 18, 23-28, 30-38, 41, 43 and 45-47 are listed as pending, and claims 18, 23-27, 41, 43, 46 and 47 are listed as allowed. Claims 28 and 30-38 are listed as rejected.

Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has made the Restriction Requirement final.

Claim 18 has been amended to correct a typographical error and claim 41 has been amended to correct a formatting error.

The Examiner has rejected claims 28 and 30-38 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Without conceding to the correctness of the Examiner's rejections and for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution of the instant application and to put it in condition for allowance, Applicants have cancelled claims 28 and 30-38 without waiver or prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a continuation or divisional application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 37 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Without conceding to the correctness of the Examiner's rejections and for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution of the instant application and to put it in condition for allowance, Applicants have cancelled claims 37 and 38 without waiver or prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a continuation or divisional application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance the condition of the instant application for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to call Applicants' agent at the number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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